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In re Application of

GAISER et al : DECISION ON

Application No.: 08/981,233 : PCT No.: PCT/EP96/02633 : RENEWED PETITION

Int. Filing Date: 18 June 1996

Priority Date: 19 June 1995 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)

Attorney's Docket No.: 2972-103P

For: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUSLY

DRYING PROTEIN-CONTAINING SLUDGE

This decision is responsive to applicants' "Letter Responding to Notification of a Defective Response" and is considered a response to the Decision on "Petition Correcting Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(a)" mailed on 27 December 1999. No additional petition fee is required.

The decision mailed on 27 December 1999 indicated that applicants had met all the requirements of 37 CFR 1.48(a) with the exception of an acceptable written consent of the assignee, ANDRITZ-PATENTVERWALTUNGSGESELLSCHAFT m.b.H.

Applicants' letter is accompanied by a new written consent where the name and the title of each person with authority to sign on behalf of the assignee ANDRITZ-PATENTVERWALTUNGSGESELLSCHAFT m.b.H. is clearly identifiable.

Therefore, applicants have met all of the requirements under 37 CFR 1.48(a) for correction of inventorship.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.48(a) is **GRANTED**. The 35 U.S.C. 371(c) and 102(e) date for this application is 02 April 1998. The application file will be forwarded to US/DO/EO for further processing.

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